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SUBJECT: ICCS FINANCES: AIR AMERICA NOTICE TO TERMINATE

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1. MORNING SEPTEMBER 27 LOCAL AIR AMERICA MANAGER GREEN INFORMED ICCS SECRETARIAT THAT AIR AMERICA WOULD DEFER EFFECT OF ITS TERMINATION NOTICE UNTIL OCTOBER 7 AS REGARDS PAYMENT OF THIRD CATEGORY OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL (ESTIMATED CHARGES OF \$650,831 FROM US ARMY FOR SPARE PARTS).

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER ICCS ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL KHAZENI INVITED EMBOFF TO ICCS AND COMPLAINED ABOUT AIR AMERICA'S METHOD OF NEGOTIATING BY SUCH TERMINATION NOTICES WHICH HE TERMED "MENACING". KHAZENI SPECIFIED THAT HE APPRECIATED THE UNFAILING COOPERATIVENESS AND COURTESY OF GREEN PERSONALLY, BUT THAT HE FOUND THE INSTRUCTIONS BINDING GREEN FROM HIS PRINCIPALS IN WASHINGTON UNREASONABLE. KHAZENI REQUESTED EMBASSY TO CONVEY HIS PROTEST TO AIR AMERICA PRINCIPALS IN WASHINGTON.

3. SEPTEMBER 28 GREEN INFORMED US ICCS HAS COMPLETED PAPERWORK ON PAYMENT OF SECOND AS WELL AS FIRST CATEGORY OF INVOICES, I.E., THOSE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, AND THAT AIR AMERICA AND ICCS REACHED
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AGREEMENT TO COMPLETE JOINT REVIEW OF THIRD CATEGORY (SPARE PARTS)

BY OCTOBER 3. CHARGE' THEREUPON INFORMED GREEN THAT WE BELIEVE
AIR AMERICAN SHOULD FORTHWITH WITHDRAW ITS OCTOBER 7 TERMINATION
NOTICE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE FIND AIR AMERICA'S ATTITUDE IN CONTINUING
TO USE IMMINENT TERMINATION DEADLINES AS MEANS OF INSISTING ON
PAYMENT OF BILLS NOT YET DUE AS WELL AS CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
ENTIRELY UNREASONABLE. ACCORDINGLY THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED
TO INTERCEDE WITH AIR AMERICA, AND IF APPROPRIATE WITH DOD RE
SPARE PARTS ISSUE.
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